

FOR

FORENAME. *adj.* [*fore* and *name*.] Nominated before.

And such are fore ones.

As Curius, and the forename'd Lentulus. *Ben. John's Catil.*
FO'RONOON. *n. f.* [*fore* and *noon*.] The time of day reckoned from the middle point, between the dawn and the meridian, to the meridian: opposed to afternoon.

The manner was, that the forenoon they should run at tilt, the afternoon in a broad field in manner of a battle, till either the strangers or the country knights won the field. *Sidney.*

Curio, at the funeral of his father, built a temporary theatre, consisting of two parts turning on hinges, according to the position of the sun, for the convenience of forenoon's and afternoon's diversion. *Arbutnot on Coins.*

FORENOTICE. *n. f.* [*fore* and *notice*.] Information of an event before it happens.

So strange a revolution never happens in poetry, but either heaven or earth gives some forenotice of it. *Rymer's Tragedies.*
FORENSICK. *adj.* [*forensis*, Latin.] Belonging to courts of judicature.

Person is a forensick term, appropriating actions and their merit; and so belongs only to intelligent agents, capable of a law, and happiness and misery. This personality extends itself beyond present existence to what is past, only by consciousness. *Locke.*

The forum was a publick place in Rome, where lawyers and orators made their speeches before the proper judges in matters of property, or in criminal cases: thence all sorts of disputations in courts of justice, where several persons make their distinct speeches, may come under the name of forensick disputes. *Wat's Improvement of the Mind.*

TO FOREORDAIN. *v. a.* [*fore* and *ordain*.] To predestinate; to predetermine; to preordain.

The church can discharge, in manner convenient, a work of so great importance; by foreordaining some short collect wherein briefly to mention thanks. *Hooker, b. v.*

FO'REPART. *n. f.* [*fore* and *part*.] The anterior part.

Had it been so raised, it would deprive us of the sun's light all the forepart of the day. *Raleigh's Hist. of the World.*
The ribs have no cavity in them, and towards the forepart or breast are broad and thin, to bend and give way without danger of fracture. *Ray on the Creation.*

FOREPART. *adj.* [*fore* and *part*.] Past before a certain time.

Now cease, ye dancels, your delights forepart;
Enough it is that all the day is your's. *Spenser's Epithalam.*

My forepart proofs, howe'er the matter fall,
Shall tax my fears of little vanity, *Shakespeare.*

Having vainly fear'd too little.
Such is the treaty which he negotiates with us, an offer and tender of a reconciliation, an act of oblivion, of all forepart fins, and of a new covenant. *Hammond on Fundamentals.*

FOREPOSESSED. *adj.* [*fore* and *possession*.] Preoccupied; prepossessed; pre-engaged.

The testimony either of the ancient fathers, or of other classical divines, may be clearly and abundantly answered, to the satisfaction of any rational man, not extremely forepossessed with prejudice. *Sander's Judgment.*

FO'RERANK. *n. f.* [*fore* and *rank*.] First rank; front.

Yet leave our cousin Catharine here with us;
She is our capital demand, compris'd
Within the forerank of our articles. *Shakes. Henry V.*

FORERECITED. *adj.* [*fore* and *recite*.] Mentioned or enumerated before.

Did him recount
The forerecited practices, whereof
We cannot feel too little, hear too much. *Shak. Hen. VIII.*

TO FORERUN. *v. a.* [*fore* and *run*.]

1. To come before as an earnest of something following; to introduce as an harbinger.

Against ill chances men are ever merry;
But heaviness foretells the good event. *Shakes. Henry IV.*

The sun

Was set, and twilight from the East came on,
Forerunning night. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vii.*

She bids me hope: oh heav'n's, she pities me!

And pity still foreruns approaching love.

As lightning does the thunder. *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.*

2. To precede; to have the start of.

I heard it to be a maxim at Dublin to follow, if not fore-

run, all that is or will be practised in London. *Graunt.*

FORERUNNER. *n. f.* [*from* fore-run.]

1. An harbinger; a messenger sent before to give notice of the approach of those that follow.

The six strangers seek for you, madam, to take their leave; and there is a forerunner come from a seventh, the prince of Morocco. *Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.*

A cock was sacrificed as the forerunner of day and the sun, thereby acknowledging the light of life to be derived from the divine bounty, the daughter of providence. *Stillingfleet.*

My elder brothers, my forerunners came,

Rough draughts of nature, ill design'd, and lame:

FOR

Blown off, like blossoms, never made to bear;

'Till I came finish'd, her last labour'd care. *Dryd. Aurengz.*

Already opera prepares the way,

The sure forerunner of her gentle sway. *Pope's Dunciad.*

2. A prognostick; a sign foretelling any thing.

O Eve! some further change awaits us nigh,

Which heav'n, by these mute signs in nature, shews

Forerunners of his purpose. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xi.*

Loss of sight is the misery of life, and usually the forerunner

of death. *South's Sermons.*

The keeping insensible perspiration up in due measure is the

cause as well as sign of health, and the least deviation from

that due quantity, the certain forerunner of a disease. *Arbutnot.*

TO FORESA'Y. *v. a.* [*fore* and *say*.] To predict; to prophesy;

to foretell.

Let ordinance

Come as the gods foresay it. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*

TO FORESEE. *v. a.* [*fore* and *see*.] To see beforehand; to see

what has not yet happened; to have prescience; to fore-

know.

With Cupid the foreses and goes god Vulcan's pace. *Sidney.*

The first of them could things to come foresee;

The next, could of things present best advise; *Fairy Queen.*

The third, things past could keep in memory. *Fairy Queen.*

If there be any thing foreseen that is not usual, be armed

for it by any hearty though a short prayer, and an earnest re-

solution beforehand, and then watch when it comes. *Taylor.*

At h's foreseen approach, already quake

The Calpian kingdoms and Meotian lake:

Their seers behold the tempest from afar,

And threatening oracles denounce the war. *Dryden's Æn.*

TO FORESHAME. *v. a.* [*for* and *shame*.] To shame; to

bring reproach upon.

Oh bill, foreshaming

Those rich-left heirs, that let their fathers lie

Without a monument. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*

TO FO'RESHEW. *v. a.* [*See* FORESHOW.]

FO'RESHIP. *n. f.* [*fore* and *ship*.] The anterior part of the

ship.

The shipmen would have cast anchors out of the fore-

ship. *Acts xxvii. 30.*

TO FORESHORTEN. *v. a.* [*fore* and *shorten*.] To shorten

figures for the sake of shewing those behind.

The greatest parts of the body ought to appear foremost;

and he forbids the foreshortenings, because they make the parts

appear little. *Dryden's Dufresnoy.*

TO FORESHOW. *v. a.* [*fore* and *show*.]

1. To discover before it happens; to predict; to prognosticate.

Christ had called him to be a witness of his death, and re-

surrection from the dead, according to that which the prophets

and Moses had foreshowed. *Hooker, b. iii. f. 8.*

Next, like Aurora, Spenser rose,

Whose purple blush the day foreshowed. *Dehnam.*

You chose to withdraw yourself from publick business,

when the face of heaven grew troubled, and the frequent

shifting of the wind foreshowed a storm. *Dryden.*

2. To represent before it comes.

What else is the law but the gospel foreshowed? What

other the gospel than the law fulfilled? *Hooker, b. v.*

FO'RESIGHT. *n. f.* [*fore* and *sight*.]

1. Prescience; prognostication; foreknowledge. The accent

anciently on the last syllable.

Let Eve, for I have drench'd her eyes,

Here sleep below; while thou to foresight wak'st;

As once thou slept'st, whilst she to life was form'd. *Milton.*

2. Provident care of futurity.

He had a sharp foresight, and working wit,

That never idle was, he once could rest a whit. *Fair Qu.*

In matters of arms he was both skillful and industrious, and

as well in foresight as resolution present and great. *Hoyward.*

Difficulties and temptations will more easily be born or

avoided, if with prudent foresight we arm ourselves against

them. *Rogers's Sermons.*

FORESIGHTFUL. *adj.* [*foresight* and *full*.] Prescient; pro-

vident.

Death gave him no such pangs as the foresightful care he

had of his silly successor. *Sidney, b. ii.*

TO FORESIGNIFY. *v. a.* [*fore* and *signify*.] To betoken be-

forehand; to foreshow; to typify.

Discoveries of Christ already present, whose future

coming the Psalms did but foresignify. *Hooker, b. v.*

Yet as being past times noxious, where they light

On man, beast, plant, wasteful and turbulent,

They oft foresignify, and threaten ill. *Milton's Par. Reg.*

FO'RESKIN. *n. f.* [*fore* and *skin*.] The prepuce.

Their own hand

An hundred of the faithless foe shall slay,

And for a dow'r their hundred foreskins pay,

Be Michel thy reward. *Cowley's Davideis.*

FO'RESKIRT. *n. f.* [*fore* and *skirt*.] The pendulous or loose

part of the coat before.

A thousand

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A thousand pounds a year for pure respect!

No other obligation?

That promises more thousands: honour's train

Is longer than his foreskirt. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*

TO FORESLACK. *v. a.* [*fore* and *slack*.] To neglect by idlen-

ess.

It is a great pity that so good an opportunity was omitted,

and so happy an occasion foreslack'd, that might have been the

eternal good of the land. *Stenfer's State of Ireland.*

TO FORESLOW. *v. a.* [*fore* and *slow*.]

1. To delay; to hinder; to impede; to obstruct.

No stream, no wood, no mountain could foreslow

Their hasty pace. *Fairfax, b. i.*

Now the illustrious nymph return'd again,

Brings every grace triumphant in her train:

The wond'ring Nereids, though they rais'd no storm,

Foreslow'd her passage, to behold her form. *Dryden.*

2. To neglect; to omit.

When the rebels were on Blackheath, the king knowing

well that it stood him upon, by how much the more he had

hitherto protracted the time in not encountering them, by so

much the sooner to dispatch with them, that it might appear

to have been no coldness in foreslowing, but wisdom in chusing

his time, resolv'd with speed to assail them. *Bacon's Hen. VII.*

Chremes, how many fishers do you know

That rule their boats and use their nets aright,

That neither wind, nor time, nor tide foreslow?

Some such have been: but, ah! by tempests spite

Their boats are lost; while we may fit and moan

That few were such, and now these few are none. *P. Fletch.*

TO FORESLOW. *v. n.* To be dilatory; to loiter.

This may plant courage in their quailing breasts,

For yet is hope of life and victory:

Foreslow no longer, make we hence again. *Shak. Hen. VI.*

TO FORESPARK. *v. n.* [*fore* and *spark*.]

1. To predict; to forelay; to foreshow; to foretell.

Old Godfrey of Winchester, thinketh no ominous foresparking

to lie in names. *Camden's Remains.*

2. To forbid.

Thou hast forespoke my being in these wars,

And say'st it is not fit. *Shakespeare's Ant. and Cleopatra.*

FO'RESPENT. *adj.* [*fore* and *spent*.]

1. Wasted; tired; spent.

After him came spurring hard

A gentleman, almost forespent with speed. *Shak. Henry IV.*

2. Forepaid; paid.

Is not enough thy evil life forespent?

You shall find his vanities forespent,

Were but the outside of the Roman Brutus,

Covering discretion with a coat of folly. *Shakespeare's Hen. V.*

3. Bestowed before.

We must receive him

According to the honour of his tender;

And towards himself, his goodness forespent on us,

We must extend our notice. *Shakespeare's*

FO'RESPURR. *n. f.* [*fore* and *spur*.] One that rides before.

A day in April never came so sweet,

To show how costly Summer was at hand,

As this forespurrer comes before his lord. *Shakespeare's*

FO'REST. *n. f.* [*fore*, French; *foresta*, Italian.]

1. A wild uncultivated tract of ground, with wood.

By many tribulations we enter into the kingdom of heaven,

because, in a forest of many wolves, sheep cannot chuse but

feed in continual danger of life. *Hooker, b. v. f. 48.*

Macbeth shall never vanquish'd be, until

Great Birnam-wood to Dunfinane's high hill

Shall come against him.

—That will never be:

Who can impress the forest, bid the tree

Unfix his earth-bound root? *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*

There be airs which the physicians advise their patients to

remove unto, which commonly are plain champains, but

grazing, and not overgrown with heath; or else timber-shades,

as in forests. *Bacon's Natural History, No. 936.*

How the first forest rais'd its shady head. *Rescommen.*

2. [In law.] A certain territory of woody grounds and fruitful

pastures, privileged for wild beasts, and fowls of forest, chase,

and warren, to rest and abide in, in the safe protection of the

king, for his pleasure; which territory of ground is bounded

with irremovable marks, and replenish'd with beasts of venery

or chase, and with great coverts of vert for their succour and

abode: for the preservation of which place, vert, and venison,

there are certain particular laws. The manner of making

forests is this: the king sends out his commission, under the

broad seal of England, directed to certain discreet persons,

for viewing, perambulating, and bounding the place that he

clamation is made throughout all the country where the ground

lies, that none shall hunt or chase any wild beasts within that

precinct, without the king's special licence; after which he

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appoints ordinances, laws, and officers for the preservation of the vert and venison; and this becomes a forest by matter of record. The properties of a forest are these: a forest, as it is strictly taken, cannot be in the hands of any but the king, who hath power to grant commission to a justice in eyre for the forest; the courts; the officers for preserving the vert and venison, as the justices of the forest, the warden or keeper, the verders, the foresters, agitors, regards, bailiffs, and